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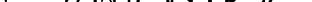
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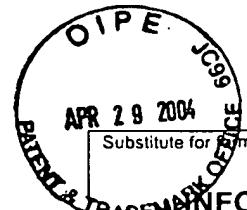
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	BD1	FR 2580504	10-24-1986	Pieronne		
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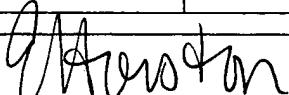
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	AG2	US-5,053,008		10-01-1991	Bajaj	
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	AJ2	US-5,092,839		03-03-1992	Kipperman	
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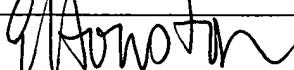
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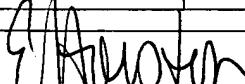
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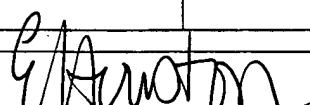
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